

## List of Acronyms

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**AAMC:** Association of American Medical Colleges

**AACOM:** American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

**AANP:** American Association of Naturopathic Physicians

**AER:** Adverse Events Reporting System

**AHRQ:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

**AMA:** American Medical Association

**BHPr:** Bureau of Health Professions

**BPHC:** Bureau of Primary Health Care

**CDCP:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CME:** Continuing Medical Education

**CMS:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration)

**CSPC:** Consumer Product Safety Commission

**D.C.:** Doctor of Chiropractic

**DOD:** Department of Defense

**D.O.:** Doctor of Osteopathy

**DOEd:** Department of Education

**DSHEA:** Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act

**GSA:** General Services Administration

**FDA:** Food and Drug Administration

**FSMB:** Federation of State Medical Boards

**FTC:** Federal Trade Commission

**GAO:** Government Accounting Office

**GMP:** Good Manufacturing Practices

**HIPAA:** Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

**HMO:** Health Maintenance Organization

**HRSA:** Health Resources & Services Administration

**IHS:** Indian Health Service

**IOM:** Institute of Medicine

**L.Ac:** Licensed Acupuncturist

**M.D.:** Medical Doctor

**MEPS:** Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

**MSOP:** Medical Schools Objectives Project

**NAS:** National Academy of Sciences

**NASA:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**NCCAM:** National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

**NCI:** National Cancer Institute

**N.D.:** Naturopathic Doctor

**NHSC:** National Health Services Corps

**NIH:** National Institutes of Health

**NLEA:** Nutrition Labeling and Education Act

**NLM:** National Library of Medicine

**NSF:** National Science Foundation

**ODS:** Office of Dietary Supplements

**OIG:** Office of the Inspector General

**OMB:** Office of Management and Budget

**OMH:** Office of Minority Health

**OSTP:** Office of Science and Technology Policy

**OWH:** Office of Women's Health

**PHS:** Public Health Service

**PPO:** Preferred Provider Organization

**SAMSHA:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**SBA:** Small Business Administration

**SBIR:** Small Business Innovative Research Program

**STTR:** Small Business Technology Transfer Research Program

**USDA:** United States Department of Agriculture

**USP:** United States Pharmacopeia

**VA:** Department of Veterans Affairs

**WHCCAMP:** White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy

**WHO:** World Health Organization